

104th ANNUAL REPORT 1970





Annual Report 1970

Highlights of the Year

		1970	1969
For the Year Revenues		\$ 787,818,934	\$ 668,413,210
Expenses		\$ 650,799,684	\$ 543,161,466
Balance o	f Revenue	\$ 137,019,250	\$ 125,251,744
Appropria	tion for Losses	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 22,000,000
Balance o	f profits before income taxes .	\$ 115,019,250	\$ 103,251,744
Income ta	xes	\$ 71,500,000	\$ 65,000,000
Balance o	f profits after income taxes	\$ 43,519,250	\$ 38,251,744
Dividends		\$ 23,691,200	\$ 22,994,400
Per Share Balance o	f profits after income taxes .	\$1.25	\$1.10
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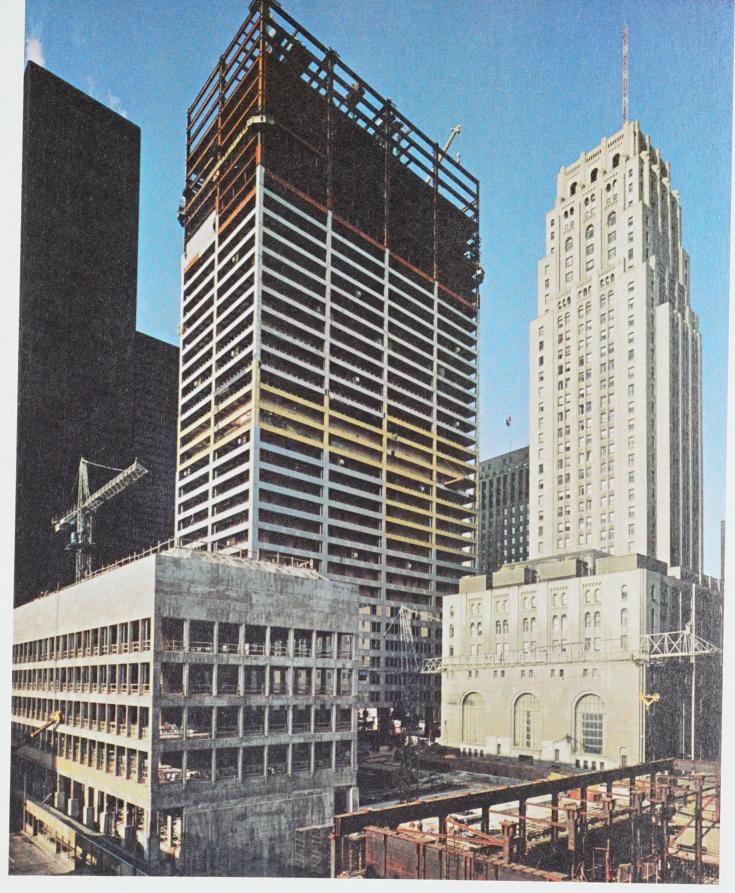
Chairman's Message

The organization of the Bank undergoes continuing change in order to adapt to an increasingly industrialized economy and a more sophisticated social structure. Over the years this has led to the establishment of Divisions and Departments in Head Office and in Regional Centres across Canada to facilitate the efficient operation of an ever increasing and widespread branch network.

This Annual Report describes some of the ways in which the Regions and Head Office work together to establish new branches, and it illustrates in word and picture the kind of teamwork that enables an organization as complex as the Bank to function smoothly.

It also shows how a new Commerce branch stimulates the economic growth of a community in many different ways, and how expansion of the branch network over the past 103 years has made an important contribution to Canada's development.

It is our aim to strive constantly to extend the scope of the Bank's operations and to endeavour to improve the standard of our service. In our efforts to achieve that end, the Bank will continue to play an increasingly significant role in enhancing the prosperity of Canadians.



Construction of Commerce Court was commenced during the spring of 1969, and by the time the Annual Meeting was held in December the same year, approximately 70% of the excavation of the three-and-a-half acre site had been completed.

The rapid progress of the construction of the overall project is illustrated by this photograph taken in November 1970. It shows the structural steel of the 57-storey tower erected to more than half the total height; the advanced stage of construction of the 5-storey

Wellington Street Building, and some of the structural steel for the 13-storey Jordan Street Building. In addition, the construction of the five floors below ground level has been completed. These floors cover an area of some 600,000 square feet, and include the main vaults, providing two lower vaults each of 8,700 square feet and one of 1,800 square feet. The existing Head Office Building will remain as an integral part of the four-building complex.

President's Address

Since we met a year ago there have been a number of developments around the world which have troubled Canadians and have caused many of us to reflect anew on our Canadian way of life. It is undoubtedly true that we are among the more fortunate peoples of the world, but at the same time most of us would agree that as a nation we too are faced with certain social and economic problems. For the most part it is relatively easy to identify these problems, but it is more difficult to pursue the courses of action necessary to deal with them. Yet, if the quality of life in Canada is to be improved for all citizens, we must come to grips with our problems and work together to solve them. Although there are differing views as to the specific ways of doing this, it is generally accepted that there are certain basic priorities which should take precedence in formulating economic policies for Canada. This morning my remarks will touch on some of these national priorities.

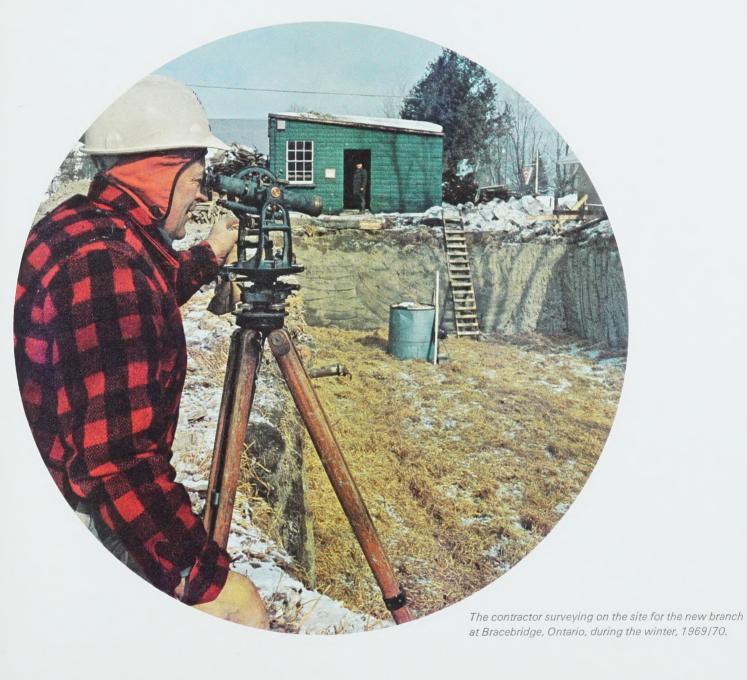
Certainly one priority must be to encourage and sustain confidence in the future growth of our economy. This requires economic policies that facilitate sound investment and productivity improvement through the provision of incentives for labour, management and capital to work together

to achieve a high level of efficiency. To maintain a favourable business environment and a high level of employment, it is also essential that Canada continues to have a growing volume of export sales and a steady inflow of foreign capital to augment domestic investment resources. These are factors that should be given careful consideration in formulating many types of economic policies including reform of the tax system, tariff revisions, changes in the exchange rate and the development of social security programs.

The control of inflation must be a continuing priority in choosing economic policies. Reducing the rate of inflation became the top priority in Canada in 1969. In fact, inflation was a worldwide problem last year with rapid increases in wages and prices occurring in all of the major industrialized countries. This year in Canada there has been some slowing in price increases and policies have gradually been shifting in the direction of measures to encourage a higher level of economic activity. However, the persistence of sharp increases in wage rates poses a serious threat to the ability of the policymakers to maintain this improvement in price performance. The Prices and Incomes Commission has not succeeded in obtaining agreement from the trade

The design, construction, decoration and furnishing of the Bank's branches are the responsibility of the Premises Division.

The development of new branches requires extensive research, careful planning, and the skills of many specialists, one of whom is H. Nickel, Draughtsman, seen preparing architectural plans for a new branch.

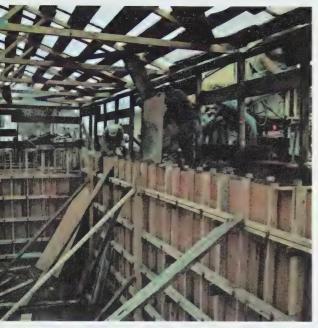


unions to restrict wage demands to within a specified range while business generally has made a determined effort to hold down increases in prices below increases in costs. This effort on the part of business has been reflected in a marked decline in corporate profits over the past year and a half which has adversely affected the climate for business investment and job opportunities.

A characteristic of this latest round of inflation has been the considerable lag between the application of anti-inflationary measures and signs of moderating price trends because the cost/push pressures have persisted so strongly after the demand pressures have eased. The economy has now slowed down to the point of virtually no increase in growth and the national unemployment rate is close to seven per cent. The Economic Council of Canada is urging that under present circumstances a high priority should be given to achieving a growth rate of five per cent a year or better, taking into account the need to restrain further price pressures. It is extremely difficult to encourage encomic growth and, at the same time, to avoid a resurgence of inflation.

The relative weights given to the priorities of controlling inflation on the one hand and stimulating economic activity on the other vary considerably in the different parts of the country because of the uneven pattern of employment. When the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rises to nine per cent in parts of Canada, as is presently the case, the emphasis must obviously be shifted toward encouraging higher employment. The great problem, of course, is that monetary and fiscal measures are broad instruments of national policy and they cannot provide the precision often needed to deal with local problems of growth. For example, monetary policy generally must be applied to the economy as a whole rather than to specific areas of the country.

Nevertheless, measures to reduce the disparities in growth rates and employment levels in the various parts of the country must have a place on the list of national priorities. There have already been some specific programs to help the slow-growth areas, including an undertaking by the chartered banks to the Federal government to give special consideration to the reasonable credit requirements of borrowers located in those areas. But, over the longer run, further measures will be needed and new ways must be found to improve the opportunities for employment in specific areas of the country. At this time there is a particular need for business to lend its support in stimulating the







The branch at Bracebridge, Ontario, one of 1,482 branches in Canada, and one of 59 opened during the year, has been selected to illustrate the sequence of events in the opening of a new branch. Various stages of construction, manufacture of equipment and fixtures, necessary for the development of a new branch, in addition to some of the activities of Departments which support the branch operation, were photographed, therefore, to provide some of the illustrations for this Annual Report.

The establishment of new branches stimulates the local economy in each branch area, and the large volume of items produced for, and purchased by, the Bank to meet the annual requirements of the vast network of branches, represents an important contribution to the Canadian economy.

To permit the uninterrupted construction of the premises during the winter months, a temporary plastic cover was erected over the excavated area. The photographs illustrate concrete pouring of the basement, and bricklaying of the outer walls.



rate of growth in the Province of Quebec. The vast resources of that province ought to be a challenge to the far-sighted investor, and it requires little imagination to visualize the tremendous potential of Quebec.

Another important national priority is the necessity of maintaining a healthy balance of payments position. Our recent performance in this regard has been unusually strong due mainly to continuing strength in exports. Evidence that Canada is currently in a strong payments position is provided by the behaviour of the exchange rate for the Canadian dollar since it was released from its fixed par value of 92.5 cents U.S. at the end of May. However, the higher exchange rate now prevailing makes it more difficult for Canadian exports to compete in world markets. Furthermore, since a major item in the capital account of the balance of payments is the inflow of foreign capital for direct and portfolio investments, there is an increasing outflow of interest and dividends to service this capital. A greater participation of Canadian capital in financing domestic investments is obviously desirable and should be encouraged. Changes in tax legislation could have considerable effect on the flow of exports and on the volume of investment in Canada.

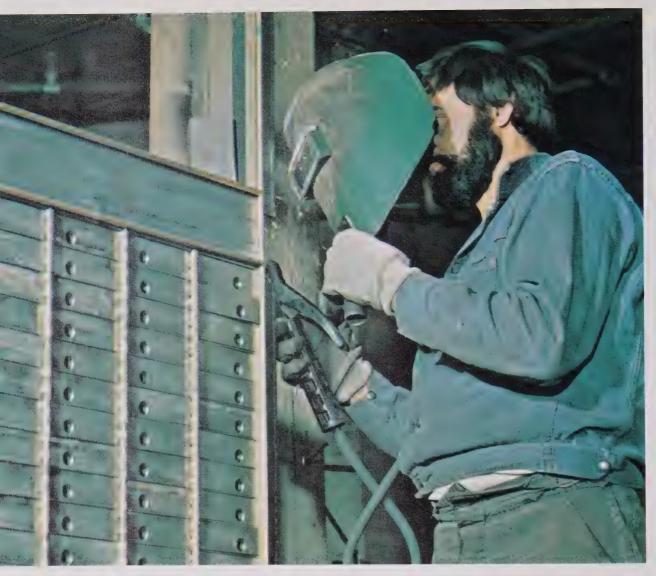
A relatively new issue on the list of national priorities which has growing economic implications is pollution control. The magnitude of the pollution problem results from the rapid increase in population which is concentrating more and more in urban areas and from the sharp advance in industrial technology to meet consumer demand for a continually expanding range of products. Faced with the unwelcome consequences of the everincreasing amount of waste by-products, people are beginning to insist upon a cleaner physical environment.

So far the tendency has been to point to industry as the chief offender in the pollution of the environment, but in many cases industry is doing a great deal to reduce the amount of pollution and render less harmful the undesirable waste which results from production processes. Government legislation has recently been passed to enforce or encourage further steps in this direction. But little has been said regarding the responsibility of the individual who, as the consumer of goods and services and the discarder of the resulting wastes, bears much of the responsibility for the pollution problem. The point is that dealing with the problem involves a co-operative effort on the part of the business community, consumers and the three levels of government.



At the Toronto Data Centre, Mrs. Eleanor Little (above, left) is checking console sheets, and Mrs. Vernice Jones is at the computer control panel in the computer room. Below: a portion of the Central Deposit Proof Section. Five such Centres are operated by the Bank in Canada for the convenience of many branches and customers.





Safety deposit boxes are of solid and sturdy construction, and are installed in the branch vault to give maximum protection.

Projects to cope more effectively with pollution control are necessary and urgent but it should be recognized that very large sums of money will have to be expended by governments and industry and therefore, ultimately, by the consumer. The cost of a comprehensive anti-pollution program for Canada has not been estimated. However, in the United States Congressional sources have indicated that the cost of a five-year program for air and water pollution control plus solid waste disposal in that country would be close to \$60 billion. The claims of such an extensive program on available resources of money, manpower

and materials must obviously be weighed against other compelling claims on the economy.

For Canada, this would suggest that in placing a priority on pollution control it is necessary to map out a realistic program which takes into account the extent to which our resources are also required for other essential purposes. In short, programs for cleaning up the environment should be integrated with programs for normal expansion and replacement of facilities, both in the public and the private sectors. It is to be hoped that the temptation to embark on inadequately considered crash programs will be sternly rejected, particu-



During the process of manufacture, artisans demonstrate their skills in the pouring of molten metal into the frame of a vault door, and the welding of a night depository.

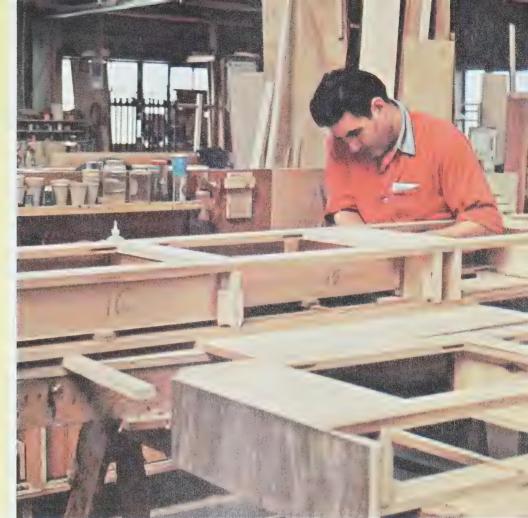


larly where there is no clear idea of what the long-term results or the total costs to the economy are likely to be. Consumers may be willing to pay more taxes and somewhat higher prices for goods and services to cover the costs of pollution control measures, but they will have to be convinced that these measures are worthwhile and carefully planned.

In concluding my remarks, a few comments concerning the current economic situation in Canada may be appropriate. The Gross National Product for 1970 is expected to be close to \$84 billion, up 6½ per cent from last year but the increase in real terms is likely to be only about 2½ per cent compared with double this rate in 1969. The measures to slow price increases have had a considerable effect on the flow of income in both the private and the public sectors. Despite sharp increases in salary and wage rates, the rise in total labour income has been sluggish compared with recent years and corporation profits of many companies have declined with the result that government revenues have been less buoyant than anticipated. On the expenditure side, weakness has been apparent in the consumer sector and in business investment. Strength for the economy has been concentrated in the external trade sector and in government expenditures.

As we approach 1971, the shift toward easier fiscal and monetary policies is becoming more apparent. The federal government has indicated that there will be a budgetary deficit in its present fiscal year because of slower revenue growth and higher expenditures than had been anticipated. Monetary policy has been eased to the extent that the money supply in October was eight per cent higher than a year earlier and short-term interest rates were down sharply. The reaction of the economy to less stringent fiscal and monetary policies should become increasingly evident as time goes on.

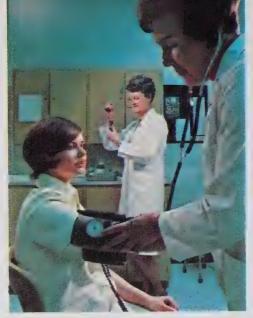
In the year ahead, economic activity should gradually pick up some momentum, particularly in the consumer sector. The hope of business is that there will be an improvement in profits through increased sales and better productivity performance which, in turn, should be a stimulus to investment spending. If the Gross National Product approaches \$90 billion in 1971 with a better price performance, this would represent good progress toward a rate of growth that would mean full utilization of our resources. If, at the same time, we can make some progress toward solving the basic social and economic problems to which I have referred, then 1971 should be a year of achievement for Canada.



Counters and fixtures for the Bank's new branches are prefabricated and transported in sections to enable easy handling and installation.



Exterior signs are designed to afford clear and quick identification of the Bank's name by day and night.









Some of the Departments which support the Bank's branch operation are illustrated on this page:

- 1 Applicants for vacant positions with the Bank are given medical interviews as part of the initial screening process. Nurse C. M. Hallinan is shown checking the blood pressure of a prospective employee.
- 2 Mrs. Margaret Derry, a Teller (foreground), receiving on-line keyboard instruction from Miss Barbara Taylor at the Career Centre, Toronto.
- 3 Mrs. Frances McDonald instructing a group of Tellers at the Career Centre, Toronto.
- 4 J. J. McHardy (right), Manager, Advertising Department, Head Office, examining a proof of a new pamphlet at the printers.

 Advertising and promotional material are important factors in business and branch development.
- 5 Miss Jane Fishlock interviewing an applicant at the Central Employment and Placement Department, Toronto. Although the recruitment of staff is primarily the responsibility of the Branch Manager, Regional Personnel Departments also screen applicants to help meet the staff requirements of the branches.



Report of the Executive Vice-President and Chief General Manager

The Bank's 104th Annual Statement reflects a year of further substantial growth in assets and earnings. The early months of the year were marked by a continuation of the monetary stringency and high interest rates of 1969, as governments in both Canada and the United States continued their efforts to control inflation. Early in 1970, however, short term interest rates showed signs of easing, and from April 1970 there was a clear resumption of growth in money supply. The trend to lower interest rates has continued, and has been reflected in reductions in July and November 1970 in the minimum rates charged on bank loans.

The Bank has continued to expand both in Canada and abroad, and during the year the number of branches increased by 46. At the year-end there were 1,482 banking offices in Canada and 60 in our International operations, for a total of 1,542. Throughout the year there was a further expansion of foreign currency operations in North America, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

The Bank's computer services continue to be developed to speed up the processing of routine

transactions within the Bank, and also assist commercial customers with their data processing needs. The majority of the Toronto branches now have their savings deposit accounts serviced by on-line computer terminals and this service is now in course of introduction in Montreal. During the year we participated in the formation of Commerce Optimation Services Limited, a company which offers an optical reading process providing data input to computers.

Construction of the Commerce Court office complex in Toronto is proceeding on schedule and the main tower is already a part of the Toronto skyline.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows that total assets amounted to \$11,050 million at October 31, 1970, and were 20% higher than a year ago.

On the Liabilities side of the Statement, deposits totalled \$10,180 million, an increase of \$1,783 million. About half of this increase reflects higher foreign currency deposits. Further growth was achieved in personal savings deposits in Canada, which increased by 7% to \$4,120 million.

Shareholders' Equity comprising Paid-up Capital, Rest Account and Undivided Profits, reached over \$402 million and has increased by almost \$30 million in the year. Most of the gain is reflected in an increase of \$25 million in Rest Account.

On the Assets side of the Statement, cash and amounts due from other banks at \$2,620 million are higher than last year by \$1,087 million. This increase accounts for more than half of the gain in total assets, and results from the employment of the higher level of foreign currency deposits. Securities issued or guaranteed by Canada at \$1,941 million were up \$484 million.

From the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, it will be seen that total revenues reached \$787 million, an increase of \$119 million, or 18%. As against this, total expenses rose by \$107 million, or almost 20%, to \$650 million. Interest costs accounted for \$91 million of the increase in total expenses, reflecting both the higher level of deposits and higher average rates of interest paid. Other costs, including personnel salaries and those related to premises and day-

to-day operations, also increased during the year reflecting branch expansion and the higher volume of business handled.

After deducting total expenses from total revenue there remains a Balance of Revenue of \$137 million, an increase of \$12 million, or 9% over last year. The major gains in Balance of Revenue occurred in the first and second quarters of the year. For the fourth quarter of 1970, the Balance of Revenue was below that of the corresponding period of 1969; principally because growth of interest income failed to keep pace with the higher interest costs of deposits, other operating revenues were reduced by the elimination of charges to customers for the handling of cheques drawn on out-of-town points in Canada, and some costs of operations continued to increase.

Changes made in 1969 in the rules of the Minister of Finance relating to accumulated appropriations for losses have the effect that additions to these reserves in 1969 and 1970, and probably also for the next several years, are not allowable for income tax purposes. As a result the provision for

income taxes this year of \$71.5 million is again made on the full Balance of Revenue of \$137 million and the \$22 million appropriation for possible losses is made out of taxed earnings.

The Balance of Profits for the year, after the appropriation for losses and provision for income taxes, is \$43.5 million, an increase of over 13% from last year.

Dividends of \$23.7 million were paid during the year, leaving \$19.8 million to be carried forward. To this amount has been added the balance of Undivided Profits from the previous year of \$2.5 million and a \$10 million transfer from Accumulated Appropriations for Losses. After deducting a \$25 million transfer to Rest Account there remains a balance of undivided profits of \$7.3 million to be carried forward to the 1971 fiscal year.

Accumulated Appropriations for Losses, shown in the next Statement, amounted to \$147 million at the year-end, comprising \$116 million in General Appropriations (the maximum permitted under the rules of the Minister of Finance) and \$31 million in Tax-Paid Appropriations.

The Statement of Rest Account reflects the transfer of \$25 million from undivided profits referred to earlier, and the balance is now \$325 million.

Also placed before you are Statements of Assets and Liabilities of the Bank's Controlled Corporations, comprising trust companies which do business outside Canada and realty companies which own properties used in banking operations.

I would like now to recognize the efforts of the more than 20,000 personnel who have contributed so much toward the success of operations during the past year. In their day-to-day duties they meet the challenge of change in banking in the seventies and through their dedication and constructive effort in large measure create the public image of our Bank. I am sure the shareholders will join me in this expression of appreciation and thanks for their work in furthering the interests of the Bank.

I would also like to thank the many shareholders whose support has contributed so much to the growth of the Bank in the past year.

Copy of the Minutes

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS Tuesday, December 8, 1970

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was held at its Head Office in Toronto on Tuesday, December 8, 1970.

The chair was taken at 11:00 a.m. by Mr. N. J. McKinnon, Chairman.

Mr. J. D. Simpson, Corporate Secretary of the Bank, acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

A quorum being present, the Notice calling the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman, with the consent of the Meeting, appointed Mr. W. H. C. Boyd, Q.C., Mr. R. A. Kingston, Q.C., and Colonel J. G. K. Strathy, O.B.E., E.D., as Scrutineers.

The Chairman stated that it was necessary to confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, held on December 9, 1969, a copy of which had been sent to each shareholder as required by the Bank Act, and it was moved by Mr. James W. Kerr, seconded by Mr. G. R. Hunter, Q.C., that these Minutes be taken as read and approved. The motion was put to the Meeting and carried on a show of hands. The Chairman then directed that a ballot on the motion be taken later in the Meeting, at the same time as the ballot for the election of Directors.

The Chairman submitted to the Meeting the Directors' Report for the year ended October 31, 1970, the Statements of the Assets and Liabilities of the Bank and of its controlled corporations, The Canadian Bank of Commerce Trust Company, New York, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Grand Cayman Island, The Dominion Realty Company Limited, Toronto, and Imbank Realty Company Limited, Toronto, the Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, of Rest Account and of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses, and the Reports of the Auditors.

The Chairman then asked the Secretary to read the Directors' and Auditors' Reports to the Meeting, omitting the Statements of Assets and Liabilities of the Bank and of its controlled corporations and the Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, of Rest Account and of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses, since copies of these Statements were in the hands of those present and the Executive Vice-President and Chief General Manager would later review the Statements of Assets and Liabilities and the Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, of Rest Account and of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses.

Report of the Board of Directors

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders their One Hundred and Fourth Annual Report which covers the results of the Bank's operations for the twelve months ended October 31, 1970.

The Report is accompanied by a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Bank as at October 31, 1970 and by Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, of Rest Account and of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses for the year ended on that date. There are also appended thereto separate Statements of the Assets and Liabilities of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Trust Company, New York, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Grand Cayman Island, The Dominion Realty Company Limited, Toronto, and Imbank Realty Company Limited, Toronto. These Companies are controlled by the Bank. To all of these Statements the Auditors, appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Bank Act, have attached their reports.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, the Honourable Nelson Rattenbury of Saint John, N.B., a member of the Senate of Canada and President, Northern Industries Limited, has been elected to the Board.

In September last Mr. Peter D. Curry, LL.D., retired from the Board in compliance with Section 18(6) of the Bank Act.

During the past year sixty branches, sub-branches and sub-agencies were opened and fourteen were closed. At October 31, 1970 there were one thousand five hundred and forty-two branches, sub-branches and sub-agencies of the Bank in operation. Qualified officers continued to carry out a program of regular inspection of all branches.

The Directors recognize and greatly appreciate the loyal and dedicated performance of the personnel of the Bank. To all of these men and women, the Directors extend their sincere thanks for a job well done.

N. J. McKINNON, Chairman Toronto, November 19, 1970

The Chairman said that before entertaining a motion to adopt the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements, he would ask the Executive

Vice-President and Chief General Manager, Mr. R. E. Harrison, to review the Statements of Assets and Liabilities of the Bank.*

^{*}Mr. Harrison's report appears on page 17.

It was moved by Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth, seconded by Mr. H. W. Thomson, that the Directors' Report for the year ended October 31, 1970, the Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits, of Rest Account and of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses for the year ended October 31, 1970 and the Statements of Assets and Liabilities of the Bank and of its controlled corporations as of that date be approved and adopted.

The Chairman said that the year had been one of great growth and that the Bank had maintained its customary strong financial position.

The Chairman asked whether there were any questions on the motion to adopt the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements. There being no questions, the Chairman then put the motion to the Meeting. The motion was carried on a show of hands, and the Chairman directed that a ballot on the motion be taken later in the Meeting, at the same time as the ballot for the election of Directors.

The Chairman asked the President to address the Meeting.

Mr. L. G. Greenwood, President, then addressed the Meeting.*

The Chairman said he would entertain a motion to appoint proxies for the meetings of controlled corporations.

It was moved by Mr. J. H. Smith and seconded by Mr. André Monast, Q.C.:

That Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth, or failing him, Mr. L. G. Greenwood, or failing him, Mr. R. E. Harrison, or failing him, Mr. J. G. Bickford, or

failing him, Mr. D. G. Keaveney, be appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all meetings of California Canadian Bank, San Francisco;

That Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth, or failing him, Mr. L. G. Greenwood, or failing him, Mr. R. E. Harrison, or failing him, Mr. J. G. Bickford, or failing him, Mr. D. G. Keaveney, be appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all meetings of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Trust Company, New York:

That Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth, or failing him, Mr. L. G. Greenwood, or failing him, Mr. R. E. Harrison, or failing him, Mr. J. G. Bickford, or failing him, Mr. D. G. Keaveney, or failing him, Mr. H. G. A. Palazzi, be appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all meetings of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, Grand Cayman Island; and

That Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth, or failing him, Mr. L. G. Greenwood, or failing him, Mr. R. E. Harrison, or failing him, Mr. R. D. Fullerton, or failing him, Mr. D. G. Keaveney, be appointed to act as proxy for the Bank at any and all meetings of The Dominion Realty Company Limited, Toronto, and Imbank Realty Company Limited, Toronto.

The motion was put to the Meeting and carried on a show of hands. The Chairman then directed that a ballot on the motion be taken later in the Meeting at the same time as the ballot for the election of Directors.

The Chairman said that he would now entertain a motion to appoint Auditors.

It was moved by The Honourable E. C. Manning and seconded by Dr. F. Marguerite Hill:

^{*}Mr. Greenwood's address appears on page 6.

That Mr. T. A. M. Hutchison, F.C.A., of Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, and Mr. T. C. Kinnear, F.C.A., of Messrs Price Waterhouse & Company, be appointed the Auditors of the Bank until the next Annual General Meeting, and that their remuneration shall not exceed the sum of \$125,000.

The Chairman explained that the remuneration of \$125,000 represents an increase of \$15,000 over the amount authorized by the shareholders last year. The growth and expansion of the Bank have created more work for the Auditors, and the Board of Directors considered the increased fee to be reasonable.

The motion was put to the Meeting and carried on a show of hands. The Chairman then directed that a ballot on the motion be taken later in the Meeting, at the same time as the ballot for the election of Directors.

The Chairman said:

Before I declare the Meeting open for the nomination of Directors for the ensuing year, I should like to remind the shareholders that the Bank's Bylaws provide that Directors who have reached the maximum prescribed age of seventy are not eligible for re-election. For this reason, the Board is losing two Directors this year, Mr. P. M. Fox and Mr. A. P. Frame.

In addition, Mr. J. D. Barrington and Mr. Henry Borden are affected by Section 18, Sub-section (6) of the Bank Act and are not offering their names for re-election. That Section of the Bank Act provides that commencing this year a person is no longer eligible for election as a Director if he is a director of a deposit-gathering trust or loan

company or of a company which holds a 10% or more interest in a deposit-gathering trust or loan company.

Mr. J. D. Barrington was elected a Director in 1958. One of Canada's well-known mining executives, his career in the industry spans a period of nearly fifty years, during which time he served as President, Managing Director and Chairman of several prominent and widely-known mining companies.

Mr. Henry Borden is one of Canada's distinguished citizens, and we have been fortunate in having him as a Director for almost a quarter of a century. Mr. Borden joined the Board of The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1946 and has been a member of the Executive Committee since it was established in 1964. He has rendered great public service to the nation, including service as Chairman of the Wartime Industries Control Board and Coordinator of Controls, Department of Munitions and Supply, and later served as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Energy. For his outstanding contribution to Canada's war effort, Mr. Borden was appointed a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and earlier this year he was invested with the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada. Mr. Borden's sound knowledge of corporation law and his thorough grasp of industry and finance have resulted in his appointment to the directorate of many large and important corporations. He has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company Limited, now Brascan Limited, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of British Newfoundland Corporation

Limited and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited, and he continues to serve these companies as a director.

Mr. P. M. Fox was elected a Director of Imperial Bank of Canada in 1950. He has spent over fifty years in the pulp and paper industry and rose through the ranks from a junior status to become President of St. Lawrence Corporation Limited, now part of Domtar Limited, and Chairman of The Great Lakes Paper Company Limited, which latter position he still holds. Mr. Fox is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable and experienced men in the industry.

Mr. A. P. Frame, who joined the Board in 1963, was with the well-known Cities Service Company for nearly forty years. He was a Senior Vice-President and Director of the parent company and President of the Canadian subsidiary, Cities Service Oil Company Limited. Mr. Frame possesses a wealth of experience in the petroleum business and is widely known and respected in the industry in both Canada and the United States.

Each of these Directors has made an important contribution to the deliberations of the Board, and their sound advice and guidance will be missed by their colleagues on the Board. I know that the shareholders would wish to join with the Directors in extending to each one of them our sincere thanks for their unfailing cooperation and support over the years, and our best wishes for happiness and good health in the years to come.

The Meeting is now open for the nomination of Directors for the ensuing year. The number of Directors to be elected is 56, and I shall ask the

Secretary to read to the Meeting the list of the present Directors eligible for re-election. Since the Annual Statement was sent to shareholders, Mr. Conrad S. Riley, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, President, Dominion' Tanners Limited, and Mr. R. E. Harrison, Executive Vice-President and Chief General Manager, have been elected to the Board. Their names are included on the ballot.

The Secretary then read:

Aubrey W. Baillie; J. C. Barrow; George M. Black, Jr.; Hon. John V. Clyne; Marsh A. Cooper, P.Eng.; Ralph W. Cooper; W. M. Currie; Ian D. Davidson, C.B.E.; Nelson M. Davis; John J. Deutsch, B.Com., LL.D.; M. A. East; R. Fraser Elliott, Q.C., B.Com., M.B.A.; Albert L. Fairley, Jr., B.Sc.; E. C. Gill, LL.D., F.S.A.; L. G. Greenwood; R. E. Harrison; W. M. Hatch; Sydney M. Hermant; Edgar L. Hickman; F. Marguerite Hill, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.(C); Reed O. Hunt; G. R. Hunter, M.B.E., Q.C., LL.B.; M. E. Jones, Q.C., LL.B.; James W. Kerr; H. J. Lang, P.Eng.; J. D. Leitch; Jean-Charles Lofficier; A. J. MacIntosh, Q.C., LL.B.; M. W. Mackenzie, C.M.G., C.A.; Hon. Ernest C. Manning, P.C., C.C., LL.D.; T. M. Mayberry; John A. McDougald; The Rt. Hon. Lord McFadzean; N. J. McKinnon, LL.D.; W. F. McLean; Allen A. McMartin; André Monast, Q.C.; J. H. Moore, F.C.A.; Trevor F. Moore; J. Geoffrey Notman, O.B.E., P.Eng.; Hon. Angus J. B. Ogilvy; Harry F. Oppenheimer, M.A., D.Econ., LL.D.; Jean P. W. Ostiguy; Maj.-Gen. Hon. E. C. Plow, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., D.C.L.; Alfred Powis; Hon. Nelson Rattenbury; George T. Richardson, B.Com., LL.D.; J. E. Richardson, LL.B.; Conrad S. Riley; Robert G. Rogers; Robert C. Scrivener; J. D. Simpson; J. Herbert Smith, D.Sc.; H. W. Thomson; A. A. Thornbrough, M.A., B.Sc.; J. P. R. Wadsworth.

Mr. Marshal Stearns said:

I have pleasure in nominating each of the persons whose names have been read by the Secretary as a Director of the Bank for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations of eligible shareholders, the Chairman declared nominations closed.

The Chairman said:

At this juncture I might bring to your attention that in April of next year Mr. Harold W. Thomson will retire as Vice-Chairman in accordance with the By-laws of the Bank, which provide that each full-time executive officer of the Bank shall retire from his executive position at age 65. Consequently, this is the last Annual Meeting at which Mr. Thomson will appear as Vice-Chairman. Next April, Mr. Thomson will close an active career with the Bank which started almost fifty years ago in 1921, when he joined the Imperial Bank of Canada in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. He worked his way up through the ranks and became General Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada in 1958. At amalgamation with The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1961, Mr. Thomson became Joint General Manager. He was elected a Director and Vice-President in 1962 and has been a Vice-Chairman since 1963.

Mr. Thomson has served the Bank with loyalty, honour and distinction, and his wise and kindly counsel has earned for him the esteem and admiration of his associates. You will all be pleased to know that he will continue to be associated with the Bank as a Director, but as this is Mr. Thomson's last Annual Meeting as Vice-Chairman, undoubtedly the shareholders would wish to join in ex-

tending to him our sincere appreciation for his devoted service to the Bank over nearly half a century.

With the retirement in the early months of next year of Mr. Thomson as Vice-Chairman in Toronto, it is desirable that arrangements be made to fill this important position, and I plan to recommend to the Board at its Organization Meeting following this Meeting that Mr. J. P. R. Wadsworth be elected Deputy Chairman. As you know, Mr. Wadsworth has served for the past six years as Vice-Chairman resident in Montreal. In his new position in Toronto, he will assume broader responsibilities, while at the same time spending a part of his time each month in Montreal. Thus he will be able to continue to keep in touch with developments in Montreal and throughout the Province of Quebec.

As a result of the planned election of a Deputy Chairman, it was necessary to amend the By-laws of the Bank. This was done by the Directors at a Meeting held on December 3, 1970, and the amendments now require confirmation by the shareholders. I will ask the Secretary to read the amendments.

The Secretary then said:

The first sentence of By-law No. 11 was amended to read:

"The Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or a Vice-Chairman or the President or a Vice-President who is a Director, or a Director designated by the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or the President shall be Chairman of any Meeting of Shareholders."

The second sentence of By-law No. 17 was amended to read:

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CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at October 31, 1970

ASSETS	1970	1969
Cash and due from banks	\$ 2,620,363,078	\$ 1,533,436,147
Cheques and other items in transit, net	192,339,500	89,869,853
Securities issued or guaranteed by Canada, at amortized value	1,941,755,006	1,457,696,804
Securities issued or guaranteed by provinces, at amortized value -	60,112,521	68,486,745
Other securities, not exceeding market value	512,992,442	582,787,906
Day, call and short loans to investment dealers and brokers, secured -	447,388,431	305,283,988
	5,774,950,978	4,037,561,443
Other loans, including mortgages, less provision for losses	4,794,626,236	4,785,344,476
Bank premises at cost, less amounts written off	110,439,300	88,595,963
Securities of and loans to corporations controlled by the bank	49,019,547	49,151,221
Customers' liability under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit, as per contra	303,819,667	231,143,134
Other assets	17,727,146	8,184,246
See Notes to the Financial Statements	\$11,050,582,874	\$ 9,199,980,483

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as at October 31, 1970 and the statements of revenue, expenses and undivided profits, accumulated appropriations for losses and rest account for the year ended on that date. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

LIABILITIES	1970	1969
Deposits by Canada	\$ 75,339,619	\$ 101,172,644
Deposits by provinces	613,098,150	330,860,123
Deposits, by banks	1,282,560,113	477,888,920
Personal savings deposits payable after notice, in Canada, in Canadian currency	4,120,809,925	3,840,211,109
Other deposits	4,088,790,467	3,647,661,673
Total deposits	10,180,598,274	8,397,794,469
Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	303,819,667	231,143,134
Other liabilities	16,344,622	55,292,346
Accumulated appropriations for losses	147,803,180	143,561,453
Shareholders' equity: 1970 1969		
Capital: Authorized—62,500,000 shares of a par value of \$2 each		
Issued —34,840,000 shares fully paid up - \$ 69,680,000 \$ 69,680,000		
Rest account 325,000,000 300,000,000		
Undivided profits 7,337,131 2,509,081	402,017,131	372,189,081
	\$11,050,582,874	\$ 9,199,980,483
L. G. GREENWOOD President	R. E. HARRISO Executive Vice-P	resident

n our opinion, the foregoing statements present fairly the financial position of the Bank as at October 31, 1970 and the revenue, expenses and divided profits, accumulated appropriations for losses and transactions in the rest account of the Bank for the year ended on that date.

T. A. M. HUTCHISON, F.C.A., of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. T. C KINNEAR, F.C.A., of Price Waterhouse & Co.

and Chief General Manager

Auditors

Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits

For the financial year ended October 31, 1970		
	1970	1969
Revenue:		
Income from loans '	\$572,999,105	\$466,308,252
Income from securities	140,296,486	132,114,505
Other operating revenue	74,523,343	69,990,453
Total revenue	787,818,934	668,413,210
Expenses:		
Interest on deposits	441,142,163	349,891,546
Salaries, pension contributions and other staff benefits	127,288,896	121,207,185
Property expenses, including depreciation	39,285,470	33,716,494
Other operating expenses, including provision for losses on loans based		
on five-year average loss experience	43,083,155	38,346,241
Total expenses	650,799,684	543,161,466
Balance of revenue	137,019,250	125,251,744
Appropriation for losses (Note 1)	22,000,000	22,000,000
Balance of profits before income taxes	115,019,250	103,251,744
Provision for income taxes relating thereto (Note 1)	71,500,000	65,000,000
Balance of profits for the year	43,519,250	38,251,744
Dividends	23,691,200	22,994,400
Amount carried forward	19,828,050	15,257,344
Undivided profits at beginning of year	2,509,081	1,251,737
Transfer from accumulated appropriations for losses	10,000,000	11,000,000
	32,337,131	27,509,081
Transferred to Rest account	25,000,000	25,000,000
Undivided profits at end of year	\$ 7,337,131	\$ 2,509,081

Notes to the Financial Statements

^{1.} Under the rules of the Minister of Finance prescribing the maximum level of accumulated general appropriations for losses, the appropriation for losses made out of earnings is not deductible in calculating income taxes. Accordingly, the appropriation for losses of \$22,000,000 has been set aside out of taxed earnings on which \$24,000,000 of income taxes have been included in the provision for income taxes of \$71,500,000.

Statement of Accumulated Appropriations for Losses

For the financial year ended October 31, 1970		
	1970	1969
Accumulated appropriations at beginning of year:		
General	\$120,317,633	\$129,825,157
Tax-paid	23,243,820	11,144,820
Total	143,561,453	140,969,977
Appropriation from current year's operations (Note 1)	22,000,000	22,000,000
Loss experience on loans less provision included in other operating expenses	(5,358,778)	1,703,746
Profits and losses on securities, including provisions to reduce securities other than those of Canada and provinces to values not exceeding market	(1,940,875)	(8,063,054)
Other profits, losses and non-recurring items, net	(158,620)	450,784
Provision for income taxes	(300,000)	(2,500,000)
Transferred to undivided profits	(10,000,000)	(11,000,000)
Accumulated appropriations at end of year	147,803,180	143,561,453
Accumulated appropriations at end of year:		SOUTHER SE AN SECTION OF THE COMMENT OF THE SECTION
General	116,654,951	120,317,633
Tax-paid	31,148,229	23,243,820
Total	\$147,803,180	\$143,561,453
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Statement of Rest Account

For the financial year ended October 31, 1970	1970	1969
Balance at beginning of year	\$300,000,000	\$275,000,000
Transfer from undivided profits	25,000,000	25,000,000
Balance at end of year	\$325,000,000	\$300,000,000

^{2.} The Bank is engaged in the construction in Toronto of Commerce Court, a major office complex in which the Head Office of the Bank will be located. At October 31, 1970 the amount remaining to be spent to complete construction is estimated at \$78,000,000.

L. G. GREENWOOD

President

R. E. HARRISON Executive Vice-President and Chief General Manager

^{3.} The financial statements include the assets and liabilities and results of operations of California Canadian Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary.

Statements of Assets and Liabilities of Controlled Corporations

as at October 31, 1970

The Canadian Bank of Commerce Trust Company, New York

(in United States Dollars)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on deposit in the United	A 050 007	Deposits payable	\$ 1,212,836
States of America	۶ 353,3Z/	Accounts and taxes payable	18,200
Securities of the United States of America and accrued interest	1,449,132	Capital \$ 1,000,000	
Other securities and accrued interest	1,779,563	Reserve fund 1,000,000	
Furniture and fixtures less depreciation	2,968	Undivided profits - 378,140	2,378,140
Other assets	24,186		
	\$ 3,609,176		\$ 3,609,176

The Bank owns the entire capital stock of The Canadian Bank of Commerce Trust Company with the exception of the directors' qualifying shares, which is included in its statement of assets and liabilities at \$2,025,807.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company (Cayman) Limited

including its wholly owned subsidiary companies (in Jamaican Dollars)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES			
Cashin banks s 1,	129,150	Deposits payable			\$ 2,741,975
Loans and accounts receivable 1,	887,340	Accounts payable			3,824
Premises less depreciation	70,709	Capital	- \$	200,000	
		Undivided profits	_	141,400	341,400
\$ 3,	087,199				\$ 3,087,199

The Bank owns the entire capital stock of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, which is included in its statement of assets and liabilities at \$243,740.

The Dominion Realty Company Limited

including its wholly owned subsidiary companies

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on deposit	 \$ 628,426	Accounts payable	139 811
Securities of Canada -	 499,495	Accrued note interest payable	115,564
Land and buildings less		Taxes payable	186,948
depreciation	 52,273,930	Notes payable 1975-1991	
		(U.S. \$7,000,000)	7,277,500
		Capital \$44,000,000	
		Surplus 1,582,228	45,582,228
	\$53,401,851	\$	53,401,851
	\$53,401,851	Capital \$44,000,000 Surplus 1,582,228	45,582,22

The Bank owns the entire capital stock of The Dominion Realty Company Limited, which is included in its statement of assets and liabilities at \$44,000,000.

Imbank Realty Company Limited

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on deposit	\$ 1,089,555	Accrued bond interest payable	\$ 82,727
Land and buildings less		Taxes payable	a 231
depreciation	6,996,426	First mortgage bonds:	
		Series A, 1971-1974	1,000,000
		Series B, 1971-1980	3,750,000
		Capital \$ 2,750,000	
		Surplus 494,023	3,244,023
	\$ 8,085,981		\$ 8,085,981

The Bank owns the entire capital stock of Imbank Realty Company Limited, which is included in its statement of assets and liabilities at \$2,750,000.

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of the Bank

We have examined the statements of assets and liabilities of controlled corporations of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as at October 31, 1970. Our examinations included general reviews of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities present fairly the financial positions of the corporations as at October 31, 1970.

T. A. M. HUTCHISON, F.C.A., of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. / Auditors

T. C. KINNEAR, F.C.A., of Price Waterhouse & Co.



RECORD OF GROWTH

Year	Total Assets	Total Deposits	Total Loans	Shareholders' Equity	Number of Branches
1868	\$ 2,997,081	\$ 1,305,579	\$ 1,894,294	\$ 956,721	7
1900	63,131,193	45,275,402	43,042,402	11,524,113	91
1920	609,034,792	503,890,619	387,687,183	47,346,257	741
1940	895,972,168	783,481,458	363,264,848	66,461,657	762
1950	2,282,065,814	2,122,049,737	782,937,911	83,689,614	809
1955	3,152,615,326	2,962,049,376	1,443,704,870	138,578,392	975
1960	4,212,979,253	3,887,171,066	2,210,576,291	241,771,077	1,221
1961	4,584,005,890	4,220,192,368	2,286,288,436	255,780,080	1,268
1962	4,762,352,348	4,334,651,735	2,592,673,709	262,337,206	1,266
1963	5,248,613,644	4,782,271,680	2,733,098,109	272,044,265	1,283
1964	5,503,394,554	4,970,723,634	2,961,082,948	277,768,867	1,334
1965	6,208,405,418	5,637,417,563	3,435,258,520	312,001,125	1,375
1966	6,690,642,814	6,024,672,474	3,888,975,862	319,403,264	1,397
1967	7,481,582,256	6,811,121,173	4,213,008,579	332,862,017	1,424
1968	8,343,110,747	7,622,999,597	4,617,883,505	345,931,737	1,450
1969	9,199,980,483	8,397,794,469	5,090,628,464	372,189,081	1,496
1970	11,050,582,874	10,180,598,274	5,242,014,667	402,017,131	1,542

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"For each fiscal year, such amount as is determined from time to time by the Board of Directors may also be paid to the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen, the President and the Vice-Presidents respectively, for services rendered as such."

The amendment to By-law No. 11 makes appropriate references to the office of Deputy Chairman and provides that a Vice-President must be a Director in order to act as chairman of any meeting of shareholders. The amendment to By-law No. 17 makes an appropriate reference to the office of Deputy Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Barrow and seconded by Mr. W. F. McLean:

That the amendments to Clauses 11 and 17 of the By-laws of the Bank made by a By-law passed by the Directors on December 3, 1970 be confirmed.

The motion was put to the Meeting and carried on a show of hands. The Chairman then directed that a ballot on the motion be taken later in the Meeting, at the same time as the ballot for the election of Directors.

The Chairman said:

I now direct that ballots be taken on the motion to take as read and approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting; on the motion to approve the Directors' Report and Financial Statements; on the motion to appoint proxies for meetings of controlled corporations; on the motion to appoint Auditors; on the motion to confirm the amendments to Clauses 11 and 17 of the By-laws of the Bank; and on the election of Directors.

While the ballot was being taken, the Chairman inquired if there was any other business to come before the Meeting.

In response to a question from a shareholder, the Secretary read excerpts from the Bank Act dealing with the eligibility of Directors and the Chairman commented on the general qualifications sought in such persons.

Following the closing of the ballot, the Scrutineers presented their report to the Chairman, who said:

I have now received the report of the Scrutineers, and I declare that on the ballot taken each of the persons nominated as a Director of the Bank for the ensuing year has been duly elected; Mr. T.A.M. Hutchison, F.C.A., and Mr. T. C. Kinnear, F.C.A., have been duly appointed Auditors of the Bank until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting; the motions to take as read and approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to approve and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended October 31, 1970, to appoint proxies for meetings of corporations controlled by the Bank and to confirm the amendments to Clauses 11 and 17 of the By-laws of the Bank have been duly carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting to be terminated.

At the succeeding meeting of the Board, the following officers were elected: Chairman, N. J. McKinnon, LL.D.; Deputy Chairman, J. P. R. Wadsworth; Vice-Chairmen, H. W. Thomson and W. M. Currie; President, L. G. Greenwood; Vice-Presidents, E. C. Gill, LL.D., F.S.A., André Monast, Q.C. and W. F. McLean; Executive Vice-President, R. E. Harrison.



The Stationery Department, Toronto, is located in this modern building covering approximately 50,000 square feet on the main floor. Eighty people are employed in the Department for the storage of nearly 5,000 items of stationery and stationery supplies, and for the purchasing, recording and handling of more than 1,200 tons of such items supplied to Head Office, Regional Offices and the branches to meet their annual requirements. The Personal Loan Department, Toronto, which services the four Ontario Regions, is also located in the building, occupying the second floor.

Building a Bank

Every Commerce branch is a vital focal point in the community it serves. It brings to local business and residents the full range of domestic and international services of one of the world's largest banks. Whether in an isolated Arctic outpost or in a busy shopping mall in a large city, the Commerce branch "opens the doors of the world" to the people it serves. It contributes to the economy of the local community by providing employment, paying taxes, and helping to stimulate development of new businesses and industries.

When the Bank was formed in 1867, one of its fundamental objectives was "to benefit our respective localities by employing our own and the floating capital under our control, in the support of trade and industry of the place". That objective still stands. What has changed over the years is the corporate structure of the Bank itself which has been developed to meet the demands of the time so that an ever increasing number of services can be offered conveniently, and wherever they are required.

It is probable that many of the Bank's customers are not fully aware of the highly complex and carefully integrated organization behind the branch network. Research for new and better ways to increase the efficiency of the branches is a continuing process. The need for new branch development, so vital to the Bank's growth, is also under constant study.

Although the emphasis during recent years has been on the decentralization of administrative responsibility through eleven Regional Offices, there are, however, a number of Head Office Divisions and Departments whose function is to support the Regions in "building a bank". This support includes the provision of those services essential for the smooth and efficient operation of the branch network, the expansion of existing branch facilities, and the establishment of new branches

Numerous factors govern the selection of suitable locations for branch development, and "leads" suggesting areas where new branches might be established are followed up closely. In this respect, the development of a new branch is the result of a team effort. Within the Region, however, it is usually the responsibility of the Branch Development Officer to study, research, and evaluate "leads" which may emanate from many different sources.

In preparing an economic survey of the area in which a proposed new branch is to be located, the Branch Development Officer will determine motor vehicle and pedestrian flow, location of shopping facilities, income levels, savings patterns, industrial and agricultural potential, possible influx of new business or industry, new residential development, projected population densities, and other pertinent factors relating to the service area. It is his responsibility also to find and suggest a suitable site on which to build, or premises in which space could be leased.

The facts are then consolidated in a comprehensive report which provides an indication of the volume of banking business likely to accrue to the new branch, and the return on the capital to be invested, projected over a period of years. If the recommendations are approved by the Regional General Manager, the report is forwarded to the Superintendent, Branch Representation and Property Development Department, at Head Office, who sets standards and policies for the establishment or expansion of branches. The report, along with his added assessment, is then submitted to the Chief General Manager for final decision.

Thus it is that the branch system continues to expand and develop in keeping with the Bank's policy of bringing banking service to Canadians wherever it is required. A branch might be set up in a trailer at a remote mine development to serve the company and employees while the community grows and until more permanent accommodation can be provided. Or a rural district might have a business potential sufficient to warrant the establishment of a new branch. But no matter where a new branch is located it usually becomes the nucleus around which business and the community expand.

Frequently the Business Development and Marketing Division learns of an industry seeking a plant location, and it is on such occasions that the Bank serves not only the industry, but the community and itself by bringing all three together.

Once a branch site has been approved, certain of the support Divisions and Departments take over the active work of preparation. The Premises Division is responsible for the purchase of property, and for the design and construction of

the building. It engages local architects and construction services whenever possible, plans the interior layout, and purchases all furnishings except mechanical equipment.

The Premises Division is also responsible for the purchase and installation of vault doors, safes, storage cabinets, safety deposit boxes, and electronic alarm systems. However, policy governing security procedures and practices is the responsibility of the Inspection Division.

Commerce branches are standardized to achieve effective construction cost and operational control within the flexibility offered by several different designs.

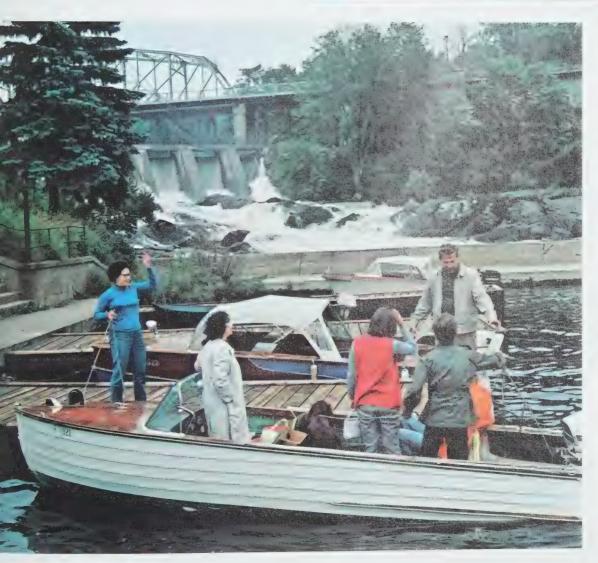
As most of the cost of any new branch is for acquisition of property and construction, it follows that the bulk of the total capital investment is spent locally.

A major portion of the activities of the Premises
Division revolves around physical expansion,
renovation of existing branches and other
Commerce-owned premises, standards of
physical appearance, and maintenance.

The Methods and Organization Division is responsible for the development, implementation, and overall supervision of the efficiency of all systems, procedures, and methods used in every Commerce branch. The Division is also responsible for the installation and supervision of computer facilities being made available through an ever increasing number of branches for the convenience of their many customers. For a new branch, the Division approves an interior layout in cooperation with Premises to achieve good customer service and an efficient work flow. It

After the opening ceremony of the Brace-bridge Branch on August 22, from left to right: W. J. Pickard, Manager; Norman Harkness, Acting Mayor of Bracebridge; J. C. Armstrong and R. A. Eaton, Superintendents, Ontario East and North Region; R. J. Boyer, M.P.P.

The town is in the centre of the Muskoka resort area, and is attracting diversified industry. This view on the Muskoka River of the Falls is within a stone's throw of the town's shopping and business district.



Many men and women employed by the Bank give unstintingly of their time to assist numerous worthy causes, and so make notable contributions to the communities in which they live and work. Some brief details of nine such people are given on these two pages.

- 1 Mrs. Verna Solmundson, Winnipeg, has been Organist and Choir Leader at the Charleswood United Church for the past 10 years.
- 2 C. R. Taylor, Toronto, is with a group of the East Scarborough Boys Club, of which he is a Director.
- 3 J. English, Brandon, Manitoba, (left), is President, Board of Directors of the Brandon General Hospital. He is seen in the Pathology Laboratory at the Hospital with Dr. James Hendry, Chief of Pathology.
- 4 C. K. Inches, Lajord, Saskatchewan, is a weather observer for the Department of Transport Meteorological Branch when not engaged in assisting other voluntary organizations.
- 5 R. E. Cowley, Canora, Saskatchewan, donates his spare time to a number of causes including the Boy Scouts, of which he is Treasurer of the Canora Group Committee. He is here at a Cub camp.
- 6 Miss M. Vicars, Toronto (left foreground), has been a volunteer worker with The Canadian Red Cross Corps for the past 26 years.

 She is in charge of transport for the Toronto Central Detachment.
- 7 J. Cribb, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, (foreground), an accomplished musician, has organized a 17-piece orchestra, which he leads, and which provides the music for a number of charitable functions.















purchases all mechanical equipment typewriters, chequewriters, cardwheels, adding and ledger-posting machines.

M & O officers visit the new branch regularly to do systems audits, as they do for all established branches. They observe how work is performed in relation to equipment available and desired standards of efficiency. They note where work loads are growing, study paper flow, and detect bottlenecks. They suggest new or additional equipment, as well as people, or reallocation of work loads as needed.

The Stationery Department fills initial stationery requisitions prepared by the Regional Office for new branch requirements. The Department is located in Toronto in a 50,000 square foot warehouse which contains between 4,000 and 5,000 separate items at any one time. This Department ships approximately 1,200 tons of stationery and stationery supplies each year to meet the needs of all offices and branches. It buys from some 325 suppliers across Canada.

It has an efficient printing plant as part of the Department but, to keep up with the demands of more than 1,500 branches, still has to purchase large quantities of printed and specialty forms from outside suppliers.

The most important element is still required before the new branch can open its doors for business—people. The Region's Personnel Department makes a point of hiring as many local people as possible, and before the branch opens, new employees will usually be given on-the-job training at a nearby branch. A Sales Training Officer, using modern audio visual techniques, will also conduct a two-day seminar for them. Within a year, they will go one of the Bank's Career Centres for additional technical training. Later, they will have opportunities to undertake more advanced courses.

In effect, the Bank employs local people, often fresh from high school, and helps them to become skilled and productive members of their community.





- 8 Miss Irene MacDonald, Vancouver, was a member of the 1956 and 1960 Canadian Olympic teams; she was a diving bronze medalist in 1960. She represented Canada as a Diving Coach and Commentator at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico, and at the 1970 British Commonwealth Games in Britain.
- 9 J. M. E. Neysmith, Montreal, has been a volunteer fireman since 1963 for the Municipalities of St-Lambert and Préville, P.Q. He has also served as a Fire and Rescue Instructor since 1953.

The key to the success of any branch is the Manager.

The Regional General Manager will screen eligible candidates, taking into account their experience, capabilities, personality, and knowledge of the type of business located in the service area. If the successful officer lacks certain business experience, adequate training at the Bank's Staff College will be provided.

The new Manager, keenly aware of business development possibilities, may have only a single industry to "help pay his rent" as he sets to work to build the business of his branch. In this he has the assistance of the Regional Business Development and Marketing Department and any leads emanating from the Business Development and Marketing Division at Head Office. He also has the support of promotional material and local advertising prepared by the Advertising Department.

Much of the branch's success will depend on the Manager's personal relations with local people. He will become deeply involved in the wide spectrum of community service. Like other Commerce Branch Managers, he will endeavour to make a genuine personal contribution to the betterment of his community.

A Commerce branch helps fulfill the Bank's responsibilities to the shareholders when it does a successful job for the community it serves. This includes not just the provision of the widest range of banking services, and the personal contributions of Commerce employees, but also by supplying some of the impetus for the economic growth of the community.

Any new Commerce branch requires a substantial capital investment locally. That often means work for local firms, employment, and major purchases from many Canadian suppliers of items ranging from paper clips to mechanical equipment.

But this is only the beginning. The Manager has the worldwide resources of the Bank behind him, and through his branch he is able to offer complete international banking service to exporter and importer alike. When the Commerce branch helps to bring in a new industry, this means more employment, a need for more housing, as well as new service industries for a growing population. A new Commerce branch creates a "snow-balling" effect on any community's growth, the implications of which are immeasurable.

Multiply that branch's contribution by nearly 1,500 Commerce branches across the Country; add to that the 103 years of the Bank's existence, and one has some idea of the importance of the contribution made by the Bank to the economic development of Canada and the creation, indirectly, of an incalculable number of jobs. Directly, the Bank employs about one out of every 1,000 Canadians, and, in 1970, paid out more than \$127 million in salaries, pension contributions and other staff benefits. A large proportion of that money will have been spent wherever the Bank's employees live and work.

The Bank must explore new ideas, methods and equipment to bring additional and more convenient services to its millions of customers. It must continue to develop and expand the branch network and thus encourage the economic growth of the communities it serves, as has been the Bank's aim and policy for more than one hundred years.



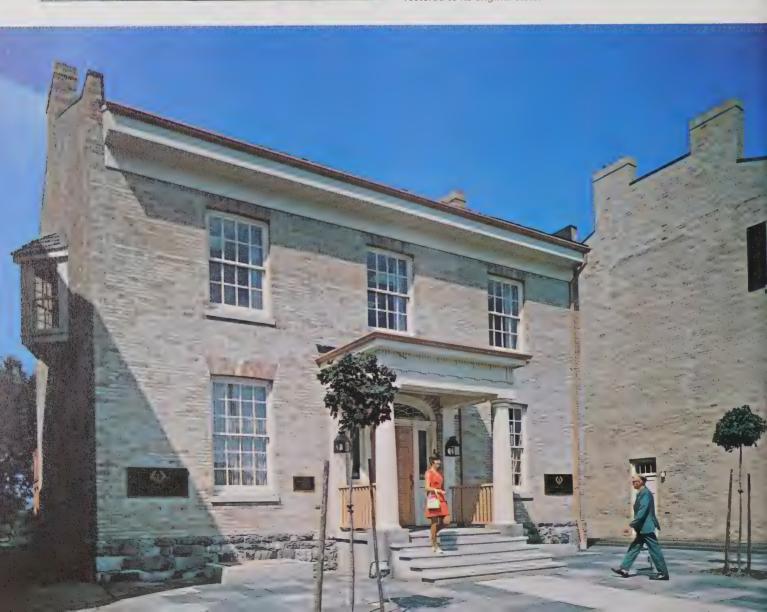


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The Finch and Weston Road Branch, Toronto, opened in June, 1970.

This new branch, in rented premises, at Ridout and Queens, London, Ontario, is the fifteenth Commerce branch in the city area. Built in 1838, the building has been recently restored to its original state.



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INTERIM REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the six months ended April 30, 1970

Statements of Assets and Liabilities as at April 30, 1970 and of Revenue, Expenses and Undivided Profits for the six months ended on that date are enclosed. Earnings per share for the six months were 54.6¢ compared with 47.5¢ in the same period last year.

The growth and operations of the Bank are affected by seasonal influences and changes in economic and monetary conditions. For this reason the results for an interim period will not necessarily be representative of the operating results for a full financial year.

Chairman

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at April 30

ASSETS	1970	1969
Cash and due from banks	\$1,986,283,437	\$1,819,069,853
Cheques and other items in transit, net	180,633,989	251,597,299
Securities issued or guaranteed by Canada, at amortized value	1,476,424,233	1,597,834,193
Securities issued or guaranteed by provinces, at amortized value	62,216,629	79,758,987
Other securities, not exceeding market value -	531,553,916	501,653,183
Day, call and short loans to investment dealers and brokers, secured	232,492,501	372,418,088
	4,469,604,705	4,622,331,603
Other loans, including mortgages, less provision for losses	4,791,104,845	4,615,276,592
Bank premises at cost, less amounts written off -	98,448,319	82,116,000
Securities of and loans to corporations controlled by the bank	49,173,798	31,273,376
Customers' liability under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit, as per contra	251,839,379	194,264,913
Other assets	18,619,865	3,774,189
	\$9,678,790,911	\$9,549,036,673

LIABILITIES		1970	1969
Deposits by Canada	-	\$ 123,863,282	\$ 156,853,164
Deposits by provinces	-	500,483,483	472,941,013
Deposits by banks	-	966,135,377	839,795,906
Personal savings deposits payable after notice, in Canada, in Canadian currency	-	3,868,353,769	3,610,076,281
Other deposits	-	3,434,641,645	3,767,922,317
Total deposits	-	8,893,477,556	8,847,588,681
Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	**	251,839,379	194,264,913
Other liabilities		17,723,443	20,281,365
Accumulated appropriations for losses (Note)	-	143,561,452	140,969,977
Shareholders' equity: Capital: Authorized—62,500,000 shares of a par value of \$2 each Issued—34,840,000 shares fully paid up		69,680,000	69,680,000
Rest account		300,000,000	
	-		275,000,000
Undivided profits (Note)	-	2,509,081	1,251,737
		372,189,081	345,931,737
		\$9,678,790,911	\$9,549,036,673

Note:

In order that the Accumulated Appropriations for Losses and Undivided Profits shown by the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities will be in conformity with the monthly reports required under the Bank Act, the Appropriation for Losses and Undivided Profits for the six months ended April 30 have been applied in reduction of loans and securities.

subject to year-end adjustment and audit.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS

For the six months ended April 30

Revenue:		1970	1969
Income from loans	_	\$280,643,629	\$198,743,752
Income from securities	_	68,198,883	67,384,750
Other operating revenue	_	38,932,580	33,339,344
Total revenue	-	387,775,092	299,467,846
Expenses:			
Interest on deposits	-	211,219,169	152,519,807
Salaries, pension contributions and other star	ff		
benefits	-	64,694,794	56,904,644
Property expenses, including depreciation -	-	18,941,792	16,199,230
Other operating expenses, including provision for losses on loans based on five-year averages.	n age		
loss experience	-	21,294,615	18,664,184
Total expenses	-	316,150,370	244,287,865
Balance of revenue	-	71,624,722	55,179,981
Appropriation for losses (Note)	-	15,000,000	9,800,000
Balance of profits before income taxes	-	56,624,722	45,379,981
Provision for income taxes relating thereto (Note)) -	37,600,000	28,800,000
Balance of profits for the period	-	19,024,722	16,579,981
Dividends	-	11,845,600	11,148,800
Undivided profits for the period	-	\$ 7,179,122	\$ 5,431,181
Balance of profits per share	_	54.60	47.50
Dividends per share	-	34¢	32¢
Note:			

In the above Statement the amounts of Appropriation for Losses and Provision for Income Taxes for the six months ended April 30, 1969 have been restated to be comparative to the April 30, 1970 Statement.

The interim figures shown in this Statement are subject to year-end adjustment and audit.